

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

NORMAN ET AL.

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**Title: "CROSSLINKED POLYSACCHARIDES
AND METHODS OF MAKING AND USING
CROSSLINKED POLYSACCHARIDES"**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 TO  
FINAL OFFICE ACTION, MAILED MARCH 18, 2008**

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 18, 2008 (the "Final Office Action"), Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue an advisory action if the Examiner does not find the claims to be allowable in light of the amendments and remarks made herein.

In response to the Final Office Action, Applicants submit the following: